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SUBJECT: SHELL JOINS SEARCH FOR OIL IN
PHILIPPINES

REF: A. 77 MANILA 18560, B. MANILA 9959

1. SHELL U.S. HAS ENTERED THE PHILIPPINE OIL EXPLORATION FIELD, WITH SIGNING ON AUGUST 17 OF SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN ITS U.S. SUBSIDIARY, PECTEN PHILIPPINES, AND GOP (BOARD OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT). SERVICE CONTRACT AREA, COVERING OFFSHORE WATERS BETWEEN PALAWAN AND SABAH, WAS PREVIOUSLY HELD BY CHEVRON-TEXACO, BUT WAS RELINQUISHED FIVE YEARS AGO AFTER ONE DRY HOLE WAS DRILLED. NO ONE ELSE HAS DRILLED IN OR NEAR THIS AREA SINCE.

2. PECTEN, WHICH HAS BEEN DOING SEISMIC STUDIES IN AREA SINCE NOVEMBER 1977, IS COMMITTED TO DRILL 11 WELLS WITHIN NEXT SEVEN YEARS, TWO OF WHICH ARE TO BE IN NEXT 15 MONTHS. DRILLING IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEBRUARY,
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1979. PRODUCTION-SHARING FORMULA IS 70:30.

3. PECTEN PHILIPPINES, PREVIOUSLY A 100 PCT PECTEN U.S. SUBSIDIARY, HAS RECENTLY TRANSFERRED 15 PCT EQUITY TO FIRST PHILIPPINE HOLDINGS CORPORATION, WHICH ALSO OWNS 25 PCT OF PILIPINAS SHELL PETROLREUM, SHELLS REFINING AND MARKETING SUBSIDIARY HERE. FIRST PHILIPPINE HOLDINGS

IS HOLDING CORPORATION OF FORMER LOPEZ/MERALCO COMPANIES.
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